

**BLM BATTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET**  
*Wild and Scenic Rivers*

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The BLM Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) is revising the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the BMDO planning area. The BMDO RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's dual mandate of *multiple use* and *sustained yield*.

As part of the RMP process, the Battle Mountain interdisciplinary team must evaluate free-flowing sections of streams or rivers within the Battle Mountain District to determine if there are



any sections that should be designated for status as wild and scenic river (Wild and Scenic River Act, 1968, Section 5 (d)(1)). The entire river does not have to be designated; even a short stretch may be considered wild and scenic. Also the entire stretch does not have to contain only public lands administered by the BLM. Several agencies or even private land holdings could be included in the wild and scenic

river designation. Cooperation between BLM, other agencies (Federal , State, and local) and private individuals is key during the RMP process for wild and scenic river consideration.

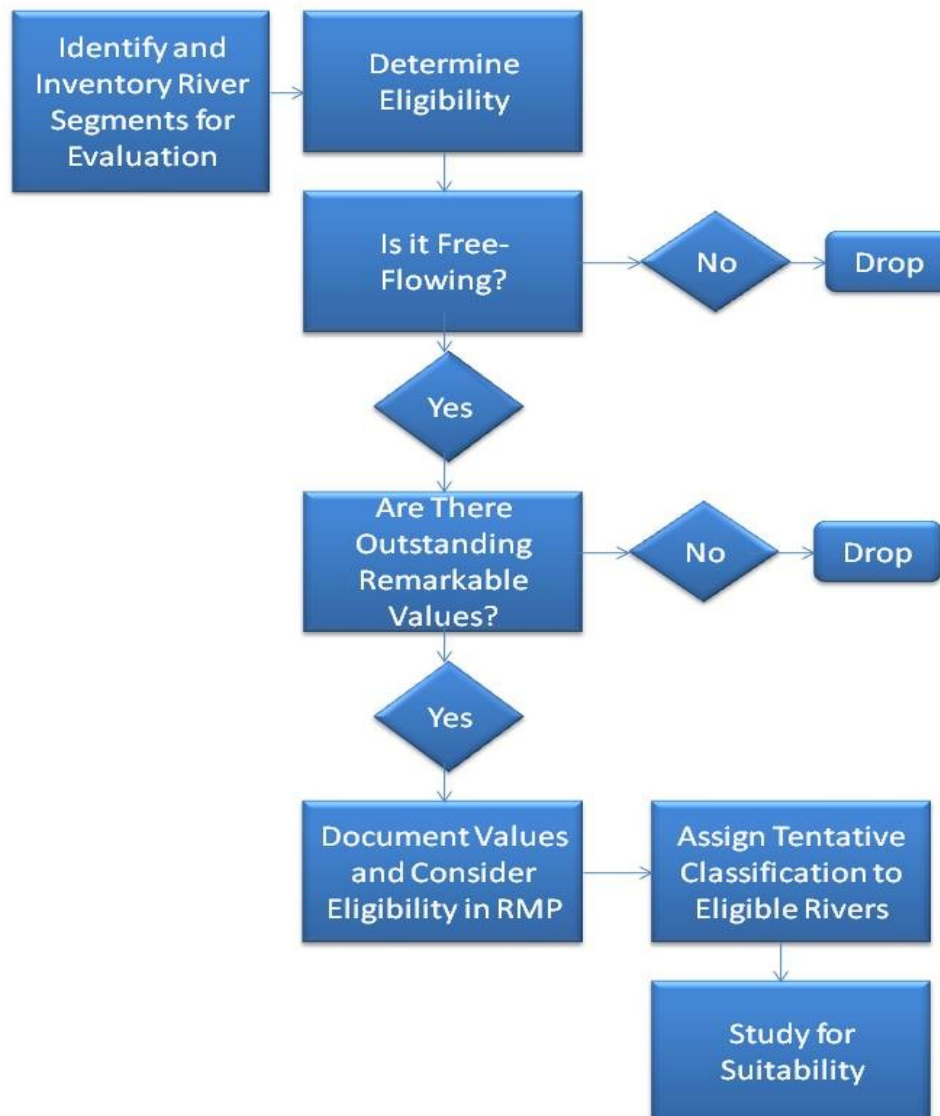
**Only the U. S. Congress can actually designate a river or river segment as “wild and scenic”.**

The Battle Mountain District IDT will evaluate all of its free-flowing streams and rivers and consider their characteristics for wild and scenic river status.

For each stretch of river, the BLM will determine whether it is free-flowing and contains one or more outstanding remarkable values (ORV). These values include: scenic, geological, recreation, fish, wildlife, and cultural. The Reese and Amargosa Rivers will be evaluated during the RMP process for wild and scenic river eligibility within the Battle Mountain District.



The Battle Mountain District has identified the following steps for considering wild and scenic rivers as part of the RMP process:



***The BLM wants your input.....Please tell us about your experience with the wild and scenic nature of the Reese or Amargosa rivers in the Battle Mountain District.***

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